



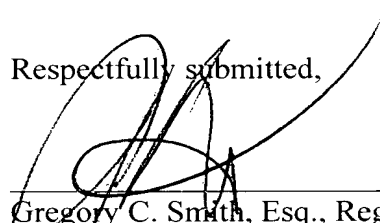
Applicant requests examination of the application and a Notice of Allowance.

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136 for any extension of time necessary to render this response timely, and asks that the fee for any such extension be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0694.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, he/she is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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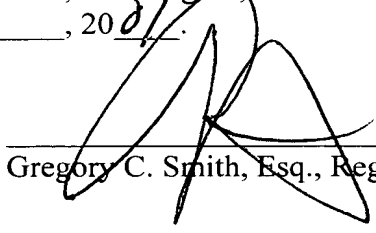
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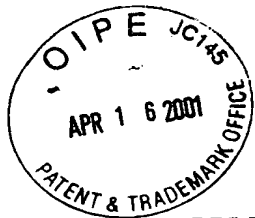
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I hereby certify that this Preliminary Amendment is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 12th day of April, 2001.



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EXAMINER:

FOR: "Description of an Inorganic Polymer "Electret" in a Colloidal State
Along With the Method of Generating and Applications"

COPY OF AMENDMENTS SHOWING CHANGES

Set out below is a copy of the amendments made in this response, with added matter underlined and omitted matter in brackets:

On Page 17, delete lines 25 and 26.

On page 17, amend lines 10 and 11 to read as follows:

-- Figure 13. [Titration curve pH with time at constant rate of infusion of HAC during generation of the product] represents a schematic diagram of a water purification system using reverse osmosis in Orange County, California (Water Factory 21).

On page 25, change line 18 to read as follows:

--accumulated scale. Figure [20] 13 is a depiction of a proposed placement of a feed line for IPE--.